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## JEWIS' BLOCKADE REPORTED BROKEN

### British Protecting Arrival Of Arab Reinforcements

#### Siam Uprising

Bangkok, Apr. 28. — Siamese police and anti-crime squads were today waging an all-out campaign against guerrilla bands who staged an uprising near Bangkok, on the Siam-Malaya frontier.

The operations were said to be "going successfully" with only about 300 of an estimated 1,000 strong rebel force to be rounded up.

Units of the Siamese fleet on a training cruise have reached the East coast port of Nara Dhivas with instructions to stand by in case help is needed.—Reuter.

#### Journalists Approach General Clay

Frankfurt, Apr. 29. — American and Allied correspondents here today asked General Lucius D. Clay, American Military Governor, to eliminate parts of the new public relations policy issued last week in his name to prevent members of his command from depicting for themselves what news is "in public interest."

A clause was added to the standing public relations directive which originally forbade the army from revealing matters of military security and questions "under diplomatic negotiation."

The letter, signed by Robert Haecker, of the Correspondence Association, was delivered to General Clay this morning.

The correspondents pointed out that the new directive appeared to contradict General Clay's own "golden rule" policy. This had been a long-standing attitude on the General's part to provide all possible information to the press except that which affected security of diplomatic negotiation.

The correspondents also asked for a definition of "matter under diplomatic study" and suggested that an authority be named to decide what news falls in that category in the event of "apparent contradiction" between press relations policies by General Clay and his "unvarying availability and frankness."

In their letter the correspondents "requested specific information as to our exact status." This was in reference to the confusion as to whether correspondents are subject to Military Government laws.

The newspapermen also asked for speedier and more efficient release of news about various accidents and equal treatment for motion picture photographers on the same basis as still photographers. Hereafter, the former were required to clear their shooting with the Military Government before making their pictures.—United Press.

#### Yugoslavs Release Britons

London, Apr. 29. — The Yugoslav Government has agreed to return the two detained British subjects to the British authorities on the Austro-Yugoslav border, the Foreign Office spokesman announced today.

The two prisoners, Mrs. J. E. Burke and Lieutenant P. Marier, are expected to be "surrendered" to the British frontier posts at Carinthia.

At the same time, the body of Lieutenant J. E. Burke, who was shot by a Yugoslav border guard while plinking with his wife and Marier, will be returned by the Yugoslavs.—United Press.

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## Preparations For British Withdrawal

Tel-Aviv, Apr. 29. — British guns opened up on Jewish Irgun troops in the fourth day's battle for the important Arab seaport of Jaffa. Artillery deployed near the railway station shelled the Jewish positions, occupied last night after house to house fighting in the Arab Manshih quarter, near the Mediterranean shore.

Unconfirmed Jewish reports said that British forces had broken the Jewish land blockade of Jaffa and were protecting the arrival of Arab reinforcements.

A despatch from Jerusalem quoted an official police source as saying that British tanks and Bren-gun carriers were still in their positions in Jaffa. Twenty six Arabs were killed and 92 were wounded in yesterday's battle, the despatch reported.

The Egyptian newspaper "Al-Ahram" reported today from its correspondent in Amman, the Transjordan capital, that he had learned that British officers in the Transjordan Arab Legion would retire and be replaced by Arab officers.

For the first time in Palestine's history the Irgun, a Jewish terrorist organization, and the Haganah, Jewish army, staged a joint funeral for their dead.

Six Irgunists and nine Haganah men who died yesterday were taken in state through Allenby Street, Tel-Aviv's main thoroughfare, to the cemetery on the city's eastern outskirts.

All Arab prisoners, estimated at 100, escaped from the Latrun detention camp near Ramleh, on the Jerusalem-Tel-Aviv road today after the prisoners had set fire to a number of buildings, it was officially reported.

In Jerusalem, Jews have laid down a landing strip on the outskirts of the capital under Arab fire and have scheduled regular flights to Tel-Aviv. The Jewish lifeline, the supply route by highway, had been under heavy Arab pressure.

#### TREATY VIOLATION

British sources said today that King Abdullah of Transjordan has assured the High Commissioner, Sir Alan Cunningham, that there is no truth in the reports that the Arab Legion occupation of Jericho is the beginning of his "conquest" of Palestine.

Arab Legionnaires have been given full charge of Allenby Bridge which was previously guarded by the British side by British troops and police.

King Abdullah also has been given Tegart Fortress in Jericho to garrison a small force.

British sources said there is no question of any "conquest" by King Abdullah before May 15 because such action would constitute a serious violation of the Anglo-Transjordan Treaty. They added, however, that the warrior King undoubtedly would step into Palestine after mid-May.

## NT Police Inquiring Into Students' Death

The British Police authorities in the New Territories are inquiring into the circumstances surrounding the execution of four Hong Kong students by the Chinese authorities at Shumchun, according to the "Ta Kung Pao" yesterday.

The journal reported an interview with Liao Kwong-yu, the uncle of one of the boys, who was detained by the Chinese authorities when he attempted to intercede on their behalf but later released. He was requested to cross the border from his farm and give the British authorities his version of the affair.

Liao told the "Ta Kung Pao" that the four boys actually visited his farm on April 13 at about 11 a.m. After refreshments they left at 2 p.m. for their homes in Shumchun.

#### Thrown Into Cell

Later the same afternoon he was informed by messenger of the boys' arrest by the Chinese authorities. He rushed to Shum-

#### Bomb Training

London, Apr. 28. — Forty British heavy bombers will bomb Heiligoland as part of a training exercise tomorrow night over Holland, Germany and Britain, the Air Ministry announced today.

Heiligoland, the North Sea island where 1,500 former inhabitants have appealed to the United Nations to let them return, has been deserted since its fortifications were blown up a year ago.—Reuter.

#### Reds' Good Treatment

Shanghai, Apr. 29. — Some 800 passengers, including 12 foreigners and crew members of the Chinese freighter Wan Lee, arrived here this morning aboard the Chinese steamer Chang Cheng, after having been marooned for a fortnight in Communist territory, following the grounding of the vessel off the north Shantung coast.

An American named L. L. Lazarevich and more than 400 other passengers are still in the Communist hamlet of Yuen-cheng, about 30 miles east of Weihaiwei, awaiting transportation to Shanghai.

Today's arrivals were unanimous in speaking of the good treatment they received from the Communists during their stay at Yuen-cheng.

They said that they were not searched or otherwise molested. The American passenger, however, had been detained possibly for "investigation," they added.

The Wan Lee carried some 2,500,000,000 worth of cargo and 2,500,000,000,000 in cash when it foundered off the Shantung coast on the morning of April 12.

In addition there was some US\$250,000 worth of precious jade aboard the vessel.

Information available here this morning disclosed that the greater part of the ship's cargo was safe and would be returned to Shanghai.—Reuter.

#### APL Luxury Liner

Arriving in Hong Kong at noon today is the new American President Lines' luxury liner "President Cleveland" with a party of tourists whose time in port will be fully taken up with a tour to Repulse Bay via Shaikwan, and return to the lower Peak Station for an ascent to the Peak.

During the stay in port, passengers will visit the shops and other sections of Hong Kong and Kowloon.

The "President Cleveland" will call at Shanghai, and Yokohama and American Express Company and the Son have made arrangements for each port.

#### Top-Heavy Vessel Sinks

Carrying some 200 huge baskets of vegetables from the Chung Shan District and about 20 passengers, the "Ta Kung Lee," a small wooden motor vessel, turned over on its side and sank off the Luen Cheung Wharf, east of the Custodian Wharf, on Wednesday.

The cargo and passengers were thrown into the harbour. They were rescued by sampans and nearby junks.

Top-heaviness was said to have been the cause of the mishap to the vessel. It was swinging to berth. Its hold was empty and the decks stacked high with vegetables.

#### ALLEGED ROBBERS ARRESTED

Detective Sgt. Ho Ping and a party of detectives from Kowloon City raided an unnumbered hut at Shuk Kip-mei Village on Wednesday afternoon and arrested four men alleged to have held up and robbed the Kowloon Tong No. 8 bus and Stanley bus recently.

One of the men arrested had been charged and will appear in the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning.

Two loaded revolvers were found in the hut.

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A shower of political leaflets being dropped on Duomo Square in Milan, the constant scene of Italian political rallies and demonstrations. (A.P. Photo.)

## May Day Has New Significance

London, Apr. 29. — Millions of workers will parade on Saturday in the European cities in the tradition of May Day, but in the Western countries the tradition of unity of the working class will be largely forgotten, according to first reports today.

Unity will stop at the borders of the Soviet satellites. In most Western capitals, the split between Socialism and Communism will bring out separate demonstrations and, in some cases, there are police precautions to keep them apart.

Italy, where Communists control the Labour Confederation with a 57 per cent majority, will stage its most important post-war rally.

The peacefulness or violence of the hundreds of Italian demonstrations is expected to show whether the Communist boss, Palmiro Togliatti, has decided to lay low for a while or to fight with illegal direct action in the public squares against the Government as he did following the Cominform meeting last autumn.

The Confederation's show of strength and unity should also determine whether the Christian Democrats with a minority of only 12 per cent in the Confederation, will continue in it to split labour and thus go after the last stronghold of Communist strength in Italy.

#### Trieste Precautions

May Day is expected to forecast the Yugoslav policy on Trieste because of Anglo-American precautions against Communist infiltration for the demonstration as an antagonizing red flag to Marshal Tito and all Communists. The precautions have been so thorough that the May Day celebration will either fall flat for lack of the usual influx of workers from Yugoslavia or the influx of workers will clash openly with the Western Powers' tipping of the policy of Yugoslav violence and harassment at Trieste to pressure point.

In France, also, May Day is expected to mark a new Communist policy. The Communists and followers of General Charles de Gaulle will hold rival celebrations, several miles apart with some 1,000 police between them to prevent any contact.

Paris police forbade the Communists to march down the Champs-Élysées. The Gaullists will celebrate at the stadium in the St. Cloud suburb offering as attractions such entertainers as Josephine Baker and a free nursery for children.—United Press.

## 2,000 Squatters Amicably Removed

Mount Parrish, site of the former Naval Infectious Diseases Hospital, east of the English Methodist Church, was cleared of some 2,000 squatters by the Sanitary Department yesterday.

Without fuss or bother, or sign of opposition or antagonism, the 2,000 men, women and children were transferred by the Sanitary Department to new sites at North Point.

Many were reluctant to move and tried to "talk" themselves into remaining. But by sunset they had all moved out without any assistance from the police, conspicuously absent throughout.

#### Talked Himself Hoarse

The removal was under the supervision of Sanitary Inspector E. Powell who talked himself hoarse by being forced to repeatedly explain to the squatters where they were being removed and why and that they would not have to pay anything for the new sites at North Point.

The squatters dismantled their wooden shacks themselves and carried their belongings and planks down the hill to the waiting lorries which took them to a hillside near the Victoria Park and Lequer-Factory.

When the "China Mail" visited the scene yesterday morning, the mass "migration" was in full swing.

Questions asked by the squatters revealed that many had been victimized by racketeers who had collected money from them by posing as representatives of the Police Department and the Sanitary Department.

The whole area will be cleaned up by scavenger-coles and the anti-epidemic squad today.

## LI'S VICTORY NO-CONFIDENCE VOTE FOR KMT

Nanking, Apr. 29. — General Li Tsung-jen, Kwangsi director of the Generalissimo's headquarters in Peiping, won China's Vice-Presidential election at the National Assembly today by a margin of 143 votes.

In a straight fight against Dr. Sun Fo, son of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen and President of the Legislative Yuan, General Li polled a total of 1,438 votes to his rival's 1,295.

General Li led throughout today's ballot—the fourth and final—and immediately upon the conclusion of the counting, a thunder of applause broke out and photographers surrounded the new Vice-President.

By his victory today, General Li, who had gained majorities in three previous ballots, was confirmed as a "man of the people and a man for the job."

His victory is regarded in Nanking as a "vote of confidence for the independents" and a "vote of non-confidence" in the Kuomintang Party.

Observers said that his victory is all the more significant since all political stunts known in the western world were used to block him. On Sunday, when political pressure was applied, General Li withdrew from the race.

Following 72 hours of political manoeuvring, he reluctantly re-entered the race after President Chiang Kai-shek personally had given assurances that the election would be "free and in accordance with the principles of democracy."

General Li Tsung-jen, a man from among the common people of China, was the only one of six Vice-Presidential candidates to advocate political reforms, the elimination of corruption and inefficiency from the Government.

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#### From Common People

In 1935, he was the leader of the new-famous Canton and Kwangsi revolt. This was General Li Tsung-jen's first challenge to President Chiang Kai-shek's authority.

At that time, General Li advocated a more active campaign against the Japanese and reform within the government. He was the only one of the six Vice-Presidential candidates to advocate political reforms, the elimination of corruption and inefficiency from the Government.

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#### Civil Rule For Trusts

Washington, Apr. 29. — Proposed legislation to set up a civil government in the Pacific Islands was sent to Congress today by Secretary of State Marshall.

The United States is trustee, under the United Nations, for the Marianas (except Guam, which is a U.S. possession), the Marshall and Caroline Islands. The Navy now governs the islands.

Under the proposed bill the President would appoint a Governor, Chief Justice and two Associate Justices and would designate a site for the seat of government.

In another development affecting the islands, President Truman named Dr. Felix Koenig of Stanford University as senior United States Commissioner on the new six-Power South Pacific Commission. Milton Shalleck, New York lawyer, was named Commissioner.

The South Pacific Commission is a regional organization allied with the United Nations and set up to promote advancement of dependent peoples of the area.—Associated Press.

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#### The Weather

An anticyclone centred E. of Japan is moving quickly E. and a wide extends from it to Formosa and S. China. Pure rain clouds are still over N. and C. China and over the China Sea.

Today's Forecast—Moderate ESE winds, cloudy and hazy with scattered light showers.

Yesterday's Weather—Maximum 79.1 deg. F. Minimum 69.0 deg. F. Rainfall 0.4 in. Total since Jan. 1—20.71 in. (1947) 10.5 in. (1946) 10.1 in. (1945) 10.1 in. (1944) 10.1 in. (1943) 10.1 in. (1942) 10.1 in. (1941) 10.1 in. (1940) 10.1 in. (1939) 10.1 in. (1938) 10.1 in. (1937) 10.1 in. (1936) 10.1 in. (1935) 10.1 in. (1934) 10.1 in. (1933) 10.1 in. (1932) 10.1 in. (1931) 10.1 in. (1930) 10.1 in. (1929) 10.1 in. (1928) 10.1 in. (1927) 10.1 in. (1926) 10.1 in. (1925) 10.1 in. (1924) 10.1 in. (1923) 10.1 in. (1922) 10.1 in. (1921) 10.1 in. (1920) 10.1 in. (1919) 10.1 in. (1918) 10.1 in. (1917) 10.1 in. (1916) 10.1 in. (1915) 10.1 in. (1914) 10.1 in. (1913) 10.1 in. (1912) 10.1 in. (1911) 10.1 in. (1910) 10.1 in. (1909) 10.1 in. (1908) 10.1 in. (1907) 10.1 in. (1906) 10.1 in. (1905) 10.1 in. (1904) 10.1 in. (1903) 10.1 in. (1902) 10.1 in. (1901) 10.1 in. (1900) 10.1 in. (1899) 10.1 in. (1898) 10.1 in. (1897) 10.1 in. (1896) 10.1 in. (1895) 10.1 in. (1894) 10.1 in. (1893) 10.1 in. 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# BUSINESSMAN JAILED FOR DRUNKEN ATTACK

## Cotton Workers' Protest

Labour trouble started at the month-old Nanyang Cotton Mill at Matakok on Wednesday, when over 100 Cantonese workers, male and female, ceased work as a protest against treatment and working hours.

The strikers resented what they called long hours of work, and treatment by their Shanghai contractor assigned to teach them their work.

Attempts by Labour Office mediators yesterday to get the strikers to return to work failed.

The management of the mill, when interviewed, said the trouble was due more to a misunderstanding than anything else.

The dissatisfied workers were probably not amenable to training which they must receive before becoming efficient operatives, and language difficulty with their Shanghai colleagues might have aggravated matters.

"We believe the trouble will soon be settled and the strikers will voluntarily return to work," said the management who added that nearly 100 Cantonese workers were still at work.

## Money Market

The gold market was steady but quiet yesterday. The rate opened at \$336.12 and closed at \$335.37, a fall. Highest and lowest rates of the day were \$335.50.

Plaster opened at \$11.27 1/2 and closed at \$11.30 a 100. The opening quotation was the lowest rate of the day. The highest was \$11.32 1/2. There were no transactions in the afternoon.

Chinese National Currency opened at 7.45 cents for futures and 7.6 cents for spot (for CN\$10,000) and closed at 7.6 cents and 7.8 cents respectively.

Flasks were unchanged at \$23.60 a 100.

NEI Guilders dropped from \$44.90 a 100 in the morning to \$43.20 in the afternoon.

U.S. dollars were quoted at \$5.61 in the morning and \$5.62 1/2 in the afternoon.

Sterling again rose to \$13.35, but Australian pounds were unchanged at \$12.55.

All Japanese war criminals hanged at Stanley Prison were buried at sea on behalf of the Military Authorities, the "China Mail" learned officially yesterday.

Ordinary prisoners, after being hanged, are buried in special section of the prison grounds, set aside for the purpose.

## Reminders

**Today**

Central British School, presentation of prizes by the Governor, 11 a.m.

Maryknoll School, annual prize-giving and annual play, 5 p.m.

Shanghai Pahang Rubber Estates, Ltd., 5th annual meeting, room 691-606, Marina House, 11.30 a.m., and 12 noon.

Kowloon Rotary Club Luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Talk on "Hospital Services of Hong Kong" by Dr. F. I. Tseung, Tse H Club, Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

Sino-British Club Fifth Concert, St. Stephen's Girls' School, 8.30 p.m.

Stage Club presents "Things that Go Bump in the Night", Missions to Seamen Theatre, 8.30 p.m.

Central British School, Prize-giving Day at school, 11 a.m.

Closing Dance, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

**Coming Events**

**TOMORROW**

Stage Club presents "Things that Go Bump in the Night" (final performance), at Missions to Seamen Theatre, 8.30 p.m.

**SUNDAY**

Classical Concert, Tse H Club, Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

Found guilty of wounding Chan Yin-mei a woman-fellow tenant on March 11, Mak Keng-wu, 66, broker, was sentenced to three and a half years' imprisonment by Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice) at the Supreme Court yesterday.

"This is a sad case and everyone will have the utmost sympathy for this unfortunate woman," said Mr. Sheldon in his closing address to the jury.

"Little sympathy, perhaps, will be felt by you for the prisoner because of the end of 40 years of business life in this Colony. For the determination of this matter by yourselves, happily many matters are not disputed and there is no different between the prosecution and the defence. For example, it is admitted that the complainant was assaulted by the prisoner, neither is it disputed that during the assault this woman was terribly injured and wounded by him."

"The real difference between the prosecution and the defence is what offence does the evidence lead you to believe this man is guilty of?"

## "Mere Speculation"

Counsel asked the jury to consider two questions, that of drunkenness, and the suggestion by the Crown that the razor had been disposed of was mere speculation.

Mr. Lansdale said it was no excuse for a person who had committed an offence to say that he was drunk unless he could prove he was in such a condition as to be incapable of forming any intention. He submitted that the evidence of the prosecution showed that the accused knew what he was doing at the time of his assault on the woman. There was not the slightest doubt, he declared, that some sort of sharp instrument had been used and he suggested that it was disposed of by the accused or by some intermediary party.

## Allowance Made

Passing sentence, his Lordship said: "The plea you put forward in this case is a plea which is not uncommon in such offences, that is, that you were drunk and did not know what you were doing. I am satisfied that you had this intention to cause this serious injury to this woman, but I make allowance for the fact that you had been drunk."

"Still, the responsibility is yours and it is your duty, if you find you were at times apt to become insensible, to give up drinking."

"If you were a younger man the sentence I would have passed on you would be in the region of five to six years, but taking into account that you are an old man and have been in business here for a considerable period and that you have no record, the sentence I pass on you is three and a half years' hard labour."

## European Vagrant

A 58-year-old European master mariner was brought up before Mr. Latimer at Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday, charged with vagrancy.

William John MacPhedran, of Scotland, the court was told, reported to the police at 1 a.m. yesterday that he had no means of living and declared himself a vagrant.

He had a master's ticket for a Chinese vessel on the Shanghai-Tientsin run, but due to the fact that the Chinese Government does not engage foreign officers he came to Hong Kong on April 24 to seek employment. After fruitless efforts, he went to see the police yesterday.

Mr. Latimer committed him to the House of Detention.

# ACQUITTED OF CAMERA THEFT

Fung Man-lun, of the China Optical Co., No. 80 Queen's Road, Central, was acquitted by Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday on a charge of receiving an allegedly stolen movie camera, valued at \$5,000, brought against him by Chuk Ching-yang, manager of the Nam Yuet Studio, No. 3 Hyssan Road.

Mr. Marcus da Silva represented the defendant, while Mr. Alfred Lion, on behalf of Mr. Chuk Ching-yang, appeared for the prosecution. Det. Inspector Asker was for the police.

The camera was ordered to be returned to Fung Kay-leung, defendant's father, the owner of the camera.

It was alleged by the prosecution that the camera was stolen from Chuk on his arrival here from Shanghai by the s.s. Hang Yang in February, 1946.

The defence claimed that it was bought by defendant's father during the Japanese occupation. He did not suspect it was stolen property.

## Prison Escapee

Serving a term of four months' imprisonment for simple larceny, Leung Siu, 21, appeared before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday, charged with escaping from legal custody.

According to Inspector Fleming, who prosecuted, defendant, while on work outside the prison compound, escaped.

Two European Officers found defendant a quarter of a mile away in long grass.

Defendant said that he had been informed by a visitor that his mother had died. It was for this reason that he attempted to escape.

Mr. d'Almada sentenced him to a further term of two years in addition to the present sentence of four months.

## Dangerous Driving

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Tong, represented by Mr. A.S.C. Chong, pleaded guilty to the charge of driving without due care and caution as laid by the Magistrate. He was fined \$400 and had his licence endorsed.

# Had 2-Inch Mortar

For possessing "a dangerous weapon in the hands of ignorant person," a 50-year-old unemployed and a 42-year-old rubbish picker were each sentenced to three years' hard labour and recommended for deportation by Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Lau Hong and Li San were charged with possessing a 2-inch mortar shell with which Det. Sub-Ins. Sykes told the court "an armed robbery could be committed."

The shell had been exposed to the elements and was unserviceable.

Li admitted that he gave what they had thought to be a hand-grenade to the first defendant. He had picked it up near the old police station at Tsun Wan while picking rubbish early in January. Some time in April, Lau asked him whether he knew of anybody who would want to buy a hand-grenade.

Lau, who was also charged with breach of deportation order, was sentenced to six weeks, the terms to run concurrently.

## Editor Summoned

Before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday Lam Oi Ming, Manager, and Sam Chung Fung, Chief Editor of the Sing Tao Po, and Yung Fong-fong, a Chinese doctor, were summoned for having published on Nov. 18 last year a matter of an indecent nature. Yung is additionally charged with having counselled and procured the Sing Tao Po to publish the matter.

Mr. P. J. Griffith informed his Worship that Mr. Lee d'Almada-Castro, K.C. will be appearing for the defence and requested a date to be fixed.

The case was remanded for one week at which time a date will be fixed.

## Learner Driver Fined

Charged with driving a car without due care and attention, Lee Che-fan, a learner driver, was fined \$200 by Mr. Latimer at Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Lee was driving with a licence driver by his side in Castle Peak Road last Tuesday afternoon when he tried to overtake a lorry.

He pulled over and knocked down a pedestrian.

The road was 19 feet wide and there was no reason for the defendant to hit the pedestrian, Insp. Roberts stated.

Lee pleaded that he did not see the pedestrian.

## Did Not Report Accident

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## Readers' Letters

# DECENT BURIAL GIVEN JAPS?

Sir:—When I was in school years and years ago I was taught to always respect the dead, even if the deceased was one of the biggest rogues and murderers in his lifetime. The lesson was carried so far as to doff my hat when seeing a funeral procession. I was, therefore, somewhat shocked to read in your issue of even date that the body of Lt. Kowaida Susumu had been recovered by the Police floating off the island of Tweed Bay. Reference to my file revealed that Lt. Susumu was one of the three men sentenced by the former No. 5 War Crimes Court for ill-treating POW's at the Saljoka Camp and its branches at Yokohama and Matsuyama in Formosa.

He was according to your report, hanged on April 7 and his body, with the hanger's wire loop still on his neck, found 18 days later, floating in the waters of Hong Kong. The question which naturally arises in one's mind is how did the body get there? Surely, Sir, prisoners executed at Stanley were, like those of every civilized country, buried within the precincts of the gaol? Could it be, Mr. Editor, that because Susumu was a Formosan, and a war prisoner, his body was thrown to the fishes? And if so, was that the mode of burial adopted by the "competent authorities" in respect of all the other executed war criminals?

The British pride themselves on being chivalrous. Is sacrifice an offshoot of such chivalry? I hold the brief for Susumu or any war criminals (although I could not help recalling what John Hersey reported: Dr. Terufumi Sasaki of the Hiroshima Red Cross Hospital as having said in regard to the use of the atomic bomb, "I think they ought to try the men who decided to use the atomic bomb and they should hang them all") but I do think that if common murderers could be given a burial of some sort bodies of war criminals should not be thrown into the sea.

I am confident, Sir, that hundreds of your readers are, like myself, anxiously awaiting an explanation from the responsible authorities, and an assurance that Tweed Bay is not chockful of dead bodies. Will Government order a dredging of the locality for the recovery of any bodies which might not have floated to the top?

AN EURASIAN.

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## Scarlet And Blue

Sir:—In reply to the query of "Interested," the latest (1946) Britonica states inter alia:

"The Life Guards wear scarlet tunics with blue collars and cuffs and the Royal Horse Guards blue tunics with scarlet collars and cuffs. Both wear steel cuirasses at state occasions and on guard duty."

The headress is a steel helmet with drooping horsehair plume (white for Life Guards, red for Horse Guards). In full dress white buckskin pantaloons and long knee-boots are worn.

V. KENDRICK.

## What Saith Confucius

Sir:—What is this talk of "Union-Consciousness" about his having consulted the Labour Office with the view to having our Teachers Association converted into a Trade Union? Has his thinking apparatus been so wrought upon by adversity that it has become temporarily or permanently wrecked? Ours is a noble profession, we are a noble calling, and we would have it degraded to the plebeian plane of a trade! Where is his pride of being a maker of the future, great ones of the earth, both in and outside of the Civil Service?

And what has a "union" ever offered us that we should cast away the heritage of dignity and prestige that is ours not only to enjoy, but also to preserve and bequeath? What right have we any more than Esau to barter away a birthright for some ephemeral physical relief?

And what has a "union" to give us that we cannot, in due course, obtain from Government? What would we have? Salaries more in keeping with the H.C.S.? Indiscriminate treatment and equal opportunities? All this, and much more, will Government

give unto us in the proper season. What saith Confucius (if he didn't, somebody else did)?—"All good things come to those who wait." Truth is eternal, and this is it. Ours is a beneficent Government really; for hadn't it slipped a piece of fat-face of ten grands each to a peanut-vendor's widow and a hick-jacker's mother? Are we not better cherished by our paternal Government than hawkers and smugglers, or even a little fat? In having our Teachers Association transformed into a Trade Union, we shall have little to gain, if at all, and too much to lose. So my sincere advice is to "Union-Conscious" and others, reckless enough to support him in like, F.U.N.C.H. to those about to marry—Don't!

UNION-WARY.

## Job's Teachers

Sir:—Your correspondent Ah Nai Chai would like to see all Grant School Teachers as patient as Job. He tells us to shout louder and longer. Will that not further reduce our age span? Several members of the "40? Brigade" have raised their voices. Cui bono? Would any reporter now dare approach that Government spokesman again?

We do have someone on whose shoulders we can weep, the Labour Officer. But there again, we belong only to a cultural body that, in the true Christian spirit, cares not what teachers eat nor how they clothe. If only our Association were a Union, properly registered! But there are many who would object to be called members of a Trades Union. Is this the reason that the Association has not contacted the Labour Office? Or has the President of the H.K.T.A. missed all the letters in your columns? ONE OF THE 640

## Students' Execution

Sir:—The execution of four kids from Hongkong at Shumchun as first reported in Sunday Herald, April 25, has been confirmed officially (China Mail, April 28). It is one of the most barbaric acts reported at a time when the Generalissimo has been elected the President under a Constitution that guarantees a Bill of Rights.

Shumchun is not included in the War Area and even if Martial Law is declared, there is definitely no reason whatsoever to warrant such summary execution. The nationality of these four boys is moreover not altogether ascertained.

I suggest that relations and friends of the executed youths formally appeal to the Generalissimo and the Ministry of Justice. If those responsible secured any approval from their superiors, such superior should also be prosecuted. Litigation and compensation are both criminally punishable under China's Penal Code.

## Like Spiders' Webs

Sir:—Your correspondent Simple Simon asked for an explanation as to why action was taken against hawkers of sweepstake tickets and not against influential purveyors of these tickets. Like permitting gambling in the race course and suppression of a "flutter" by some poor coolies, the explanation might be found in what Anacharsis, a Scythian philosopher who lived in 600 B.C., wrote to Solon, "written laws are like spiders' webs and are like them, only tangle and hold the poor and weak, while the rich and powerful will easily break through them."

Don't be so simple, Simple Simon. Didn't the announcement in Tuesday's "China Mail" explain everything? Sweepstake earnings had six stalls to let at \$240 per annum. Four of them have been taken up (and, apparently paid for). The licences MUST be protected against unlicensed competitors, even if it meant that the latter, and members of their families, have to starve.

I would recommend Simple Simon to consult a first-class optician as something appears to be wrong with his eyesight. The Police are not permitted to ill-treat anybody, whether juvenile or adult, and your correspondent's allegations are completely unfounded. What the detectives did was just inviting the unlicensed hawkers, newspaper vendors, and shoe-shine boys to go with them to the Police Station and in the comparative comforts of the Charge Room, to weep out their sorrows on the broad shoulders of the guardians of the Law.

If Simple Simon doubts my word, he is at liberty to ask any Police Officer or even the Acting Commissioner of Police about the General Order issued some months ago, and excerpts from which were published in your journal, which stated in no uncertain terms that members of the Police force are not permitted to use force towards the public, and no more force than is necessary to effect the arrest of a criminal (not a petty offender).

I wonder, Sir, if any of our law and bye-laws-makers have ever read "Quid Pro Quo" and "Fishes"? If they did they would understand the full significance of your lead article in the "Sunday Herald," namely that "petty laws-lawyers' great crimes."

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MEANWHILE, AT THE FARM:

MISS BLEAK: WHAT A SURPRISE! IT'S AFTER MIDNIGHT!

I'VE NO TIME FOR CHATTER! I'M LEAVING IMMEDIATELY! HELP ME PACK!

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Notice in writing of the names of Candidates and their Proposers and Seconders to be lodged with the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce at least 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the Meeting.

By Order,

J. B. KITE,  
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 30th April, 1948.

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# EXPULSION OF LABOUR M.P.

## Sequel To Italian Election Telegram

### Party Warning To Other Members

London, Apr. 28.

The Labour Party tonight expelled Mr. John Platts-Mills, a left winger who was one of the instigators of a good-wishes telegram to Signor Pietro Nenni, leader of the Italian Socialists supporting the Communists in the general elections.

Official Labour, backed the Saragat Socialists.

Mr. Platts-Mills, a 41-year-old barrister, has often been criticised in the House of Commons by Members of his own party as being a "crypto-Communist".

He has been a persistent critic of Mr. Bevin's foreign policy.

The Labour Party Executive warned 21 other Parliamentary Members who figured in the incident that they must by May 6, promise to follow party policy or they also will be expelled.

Between 30 and 40 Members sent the telegram. The warning applies to those who have neither repudiated nor withdrawn their backing for it.

"Subversive"

Among those warned today were Mr. Sydney Silverman and Mr. Kohn Zillman, both critics of the Government's foreign policy.

In letters to 21 Members tonight, Mr. Morgan Phillips, General Secretary of the Labour Party, says that the Executive has been seriously disturbed by what are considered activities subversive of party policy by certain Members.

The telegram is cited as a flagrant example. Mr. Platts-Mills told Reuter tonight that his criticism of foreign affairs had evidently "found its mark."

"The right wing leaders of the Government have taken a Brilington to the war camp of Wall Street. Desperately seeking new markets, the present rulers of America, like Hitler and the industrialists who brought him to power, are driving all-out for world domination," he said.

"A Colony"

"Mr. Bevin's policy is to surrender Great Britain and the Commonwealth to America for a handful of dollars."

"For from solving, it increases our economic difficulties. Unless that policy is ended, it will bring our people to complete bankruptcy. Britain will become like some colony and this great country of ours will end as a slaughterhouse in another and more dreadful war."

"The efforts to change the Government's foreign policy cannot be quelled by so paltry and unworthy an act of political victimisation as the one we have seen today," Reuter.

KOREAN ELECTION CONFIRMED

Seoul, Apr. 29. A United Nations commission confirmed five to zero today that it will observe the South Korean election on May 10.

French, Canadian and Syrian delegates abstained from voting. A spokesman said the Syrian and Canadian delegates did not consider the atmosphere sufficiently free for an election.

The French delegates were quoted as saying he felt conditions for the election were as free as they would ever be. Associated Press.

UNION TREATY RATIFIED

Brussels, Apr. 28. The Western Union Treaty was ratified by the Belgian Chamber of Deputies today by 150 votes to 21 this afternoon.

The Bill was ratified by Belgium's Upper House, the Senate, on March 24—Reuter.

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# YUGOSLAVIA CLOSES BORDER Sequel To Long Series Of Incidents Italians Protest To Belgrade

London, Apr. 28.  
The Yugoslav border with Trieste was closed at dawn today, Rome Radio said tonight.

Yugoslav troop movements towards the border have been observed and Yugoslav forces have erected new observation posts along the border, the Radio added.

Italy has instructed her Ministry in Belgrade to draw the "most serious attention" of the Yugoslav Government to the recent frontier incident in which one Italian and one Yugoslav were killed in an exchange of shots.

The Italian Government has also agreed to the nomination of a mixed Italian-Yugoslav commission to investigate all disputes arising from any crossing of the boundary by Yugoslav troops.

Foreign Office circles said that if the Yugoslavs did not act with the necessary impartiality during the forthcoming work of the mixed commission, the Italian Government reserved the right to appeal to the Big Four to send their own representatives to work with the commission.

Italian Foreign Office circles said the shooting incident occurred in an uninhabited area where the Yugoslavs were known to have moved the boundary posts about 250 metres into Italian territory along about one kilometre.

According to Italian reports at least 11 other instances of Yugoslavs altering the frontier have been reported.

The Italian Government, it was learned, have protested repeatedly both in Belgrade and to the Yugoslav Minister in

Rome, but all notes were answered by the Yugoslavs refusing to acknowledge that any wrong had been done. Count Stozza, the Italian Foreign Minister, wrote to the Yugoslav Minister in Rome, M. Mladen Ivekovic, who answered: "The Yugoslav Government will make accurate inquiries to verify any irregularity of the boundary line."

A spokesman of the Yugoslav Legation in Rome stated today: "The incident took place on Yugoslav territory and the Italian soldier killed has been left there. The Yugoslav Government has proposed a mixed commission to carry out inquiries on the spot."—Reuter.

## GREEKS RUSH TO WITHDRAW

Athens, Apr. 28.

The Greek community in Egypt was reported tonight to be rushing to the banks and withdrawing money in anticipation of compulsory registration of all Greek-owned assets abroad in gold and foreign exchange.

A bill providing for the eventual repatriation of part of such assets is expected to become law tomorrow.

Greeks in Egypt are reported to have withdrawn more than £500,000 in 24 hours.—Reuter.

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### "WHILST THERE'S LIFE"

Who is it that said "Whilst there's life, there's hope," or words to that effect? It probably couldn't have been Shakespeare, or else there must have been a bridge or at least a whist in his time, or where there is no record. In this game of thirteen tricks, a declarer can sometimes make a series of plays something less than the best and thereby kick his contract away several times. Despite that, it is still possible that one of the defenders will come to his rescue with a honor that saves the bacon for him.

S. K. Q. 7 5 3  
H. Q. 6 5  
D. 10 7 3  
C. 6 2

S. 10 8 4  
H. 7 5 3  
D. A. J. 8 3  
C. K. 6 5 2

S. A. J.  
H. K. 10 7  
D. A. K. 8  
C. A. Q. 9 7 5

(Dealer: South. North-South vulnerable.)

South West North East  
1. Pass 1-S Pass  
2. NT Pass 3-S Pass  
3. NT

Even the best get careless momentarily, have a lapse and then realize their slip, even as fine a player as Wayne Dorland, who was declarer on this rubber dealt in New York's Union League Club. When the heart 3 was led and East put the 9 on the dummy's low card, Mr. Dorland without thinking took the cheap trick with the ten. Then he realized he should have put in the K, since the A was almost surely with West. The Q, thereby, could become a certain

entry to dummy, making it possible to play spades the safest way, with four high-card rounds.

After that error, he laid down the spade A and overtook the J with the K, then scored the 10 hoping for an even break of the beam. East, however, held the diamond A and K, the Q and J, and discarded a heart. Now two club tricks seemed necessary to get nine total, so he finessed the Q, losing to the K. West took the heart A, then led the 8 to the K, East discarding a diamond.

When the club A was now taken, it showed West had held the singleton and disclosed that Mr. Dorland should have brought in the club A before going to the dummy with spades, as a safeguard against just that situation; if the K hadn't dropped, he still could have led toward the Q to build a ninth trick.

Now, however, he seemed licked. But when he laid down the diamond A and K, the Q and J fell. East's diamond discard on the 7th trick, in hearts, therefore built the 10 as a winner of the trick that produced game. Absolutely perfect play, though, would have won 11 tricks.

Tomorrow's Problem

S. 10 8 5  
H. A. 6 3  
D. 7 5 4  
C. A. K. 4 2

S. K. Q. J. 10  
H. 7 5 4  
D. A. J. 8 3  
C. 6 5 2

S. K. J. 10  
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Washington, Apr. 28.  
The United States warned Russia today against "any violation by the Soviet military authorities in Austria of their obligations" and of American rights in Vienna.

## Thousands Of Army Deserters

London, Apr. 28.  
Viscount Addison, Labour Party leader of the House of Lords, said today that there are perhaps 10,000 British army deserters hiding in England.

Another 10,000 deserters, he said, had addresses outside the country when they entered the forces and most of them probably have gone home.

He gave the figures during his answer to questions from Lord Mancroft that the Government grant a general amnesty to deserters "before they lose their last shred of self-respect and degenerate into habitual criminals."

"All these considerations have been repeatedly considered," Lord Addison said, "and we shall do our best."—Associated Press.

## MILITARY AID FOR EUROPE

Washington, Apr. 28.  
The Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall, said today that the State Department was considering the provision of military aid to the signatories of the Western European Union.

At his first press conference since his return from the Inter-American Conference at Bogota, Mr. Marshall declined to give any other information about proposals to implement President Truman's promise of support for the Western Union, made on March 15.

He emphasized that military aid was only one of a number of factors under consideration in connection with the implementation of President Truman's statement.

Mr. Marshall declined to say whether he had discussed American policy towards the Western European Union with Senator Arthur Vandenberg, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Mr. Marshall said he had no plans for a meeting with the British and French Foreign Ministers to discuss the Western European Union.—Reuter.

## Dr. Salazar Urges Help For Spain

Lisbon, Apr. 28.  
The Portuguese Prime Minister, Dr. Antonio Salazar, urged the admission of Spain to the European aid programme as a means of "organising the resistance of Western Europe against Russia" in a speech here today.

Dr. Salazar also defended the admission of Germany into the European recovery scheme and the rehabilitation of Italy.

He was speaking at his office at Sao Bento Palace before hundreds of Army, Navy and Air Force officers congratulating him on the 20th anniversary of his entry into the Government, celebrated yesterday.

He said: "A great worry under which the Western countries are living is because the Allies seem to have rested upon victory, as victory meant peace, while Russia has continued to develop her powers and make use of her strategic positions as if the war had still to be carried on."

Dr. Salazar said there were three alternatives the world would expect from Russia in the near future—war, isolation or peaceful collaboration.

He added: "The world could only gain from the collaboration Russia could give for the solution of general problems, provided Moscow ceased the fomentation of revolutions."

Dr. Salazar said he did not believe the Russians would adopt the second alternative, isolation, and, war, would be the "worst hypothesis" because Western Europe "would drown itself in decadence in a long, tragic and possibly unending night."—Reuter.

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## ITALY'S ELECTION CHOICE

By common consent the

outcome of the Italian Gen-

eral Election is highly sig-

nificant. In a pitched battle

the forces of Communism

have suffered a resounding

defeat. This is the obvious

meaning of the Election from

the international standpoint.

What is its meaning for the

Italian people themselves?

The outcome can be no sur-

prise. As soon as the main

issues had been made plain

to the Italian electors and

especially once their Govern-

ment had given them the im-

pression that it knew its own

mind and would act firmly

against disorder, the sound

common sense which, not-

withstanding occasional ap-

pearances to the contrary, is

a fundamental characteristic

of the Italian temperament,

would give the De Gasperi

Administration adequate sup-

port against the Communist

menace.

Signor de Gasperi has one

main source of strength. It

lies in the fact, often forgotten

now-a-days, that before the

advent of Fascism, the Catho-

lic Popular Party led by Don

Luigi Sturzo held no fewer

than 187 seats in the Italian

Chamber and that it had

gained them without official

support of any kind. The

present Christian Democratic

Party is its successor, and its

leader, Signor de Gasperi,

holds the reins of power. Don

Luigi Sturzo was and is a

priest who could not or

would not enter Parliament

or take office. De Gasperi is

a layman with practical ex-

perience of responsible ad-

ministration and less obvious-

ly subject to ecclesiastical

discipline. The Church,

whose influence is consid-

erable, is more openly on his

side than it appeared to be

on the side of Don Sturzo.

The moral issues in the

present struggle are also clearer

than they were 26 years ago,

and a high percentage of the

Italian masses now under-

stands them.

One source of possible

weakness or of eventual

strength—to the De Gasperi

Administration remains. Don

Sturzo's programme of social

reforms estranged many of

the Conservative Catholics,

especially the large landown-

ers of the South; and dis-

quieted some people in the

Vatican. They welcomed

Fascism as likely to save them

from Socialism and reform-

ing Catholic "populism" alike.

Now they may have learned

that social reform is the only

alternative to Communism.

If Signor de Gasperi should

fear to arouse their opposi-

tion by drastic social reform,

the Italian masses might think

him weak and waver in their

fidelity to the principles he

proclaims. But should he have

the courage boldly to tackle

social reform, he may hold

the allegiance of the masses

and even of Moderate Social-

ists for many a day.

Athens, Apr. 28.

A sudden spring snowstorm

brought the Greek Army offensive

in South Central Greece to a vi-

tual halt today and provided

a possible means of escape for

1,500 to 2,000 guerrillas previously

believed trapped.—Associated Press.



Mr. Eden, as this extract re-

veals, had reasons for leaving

the Foreign Office on Feb. 20,

1938, which could not be stated

at the time. In particular, he

had been perturbed by the re-

buff with which Mr. Cham-

berlain had met President

Roosevelt's offer to intervene

in the European situation.

The actual breach between Mr.

Chamberlain and Mr. Eden came

over a new and separate issue.

On the evening of Jan. 11, 1938,

Mr. Sumner-Wellles, the Ameri-

can Under-Secretary of State,

called upon the British Ambassa-

dor in Washington. He was the

bearer of a secret and delicate

message from President Roosevelt

to Mr. Chamberlain.

The President was deeply

anxious at the deterioration

of the international situation,

and proposed to take the initiative

by inviting the representatives

of certain Governments to Wash-

ington to discuss the underlying

causes of present differences.

Before taking this step, however,

he wished to consult the British

Government on their view of

such a plan.

He asked that not later than

Jan. 17 he should be given a re-

ply to his message, and intimated

that only if his suggestion met

with "cordial approval and

whole-hearted support of his Ma-

jesty's Government" would he

then approach the Governments

of France, Germany and Italy.

Here was a formidable and mea-

sured step.

In forwarding this most secret

message to London the British

Ambassador, Sir Ronald Lindsay,

commented that in his view

the President's plan was a genuine

effort to relax international ten-

sion, and that if his Majesty's

Government withheld their sup-

port the progress which had been

made in Anglo-American co-

operation during the previous

two years would be destroyed.

The Foreign Office received the

Washington telegram on Jan. 12,

and copies were sent to the

Prime Minister in the country

that evening. On the following

morning he came to London, and

on his instructions a reply was

sent to the President's message.

Mr. Eden was this time on a

brief holiday in the South of

France.

Mr. Chamberlain's reply was to

the effect that he appreciated the

confidence of President Roosevelt

in consulting him in this fashion

but that he was unable to ac-

cept the President's proposal.

He wished to explain the position

of his own efforts to reach agree-

ment with Germany and Italy,

particularly in the case of the

latter.

His Majesty's Government

would be prepared, for their

part, if possible, with the au-

thority of the League of Na-

tions, to recognise de jure the

Italian occupation of Abyssinia,

if they found that the Italian

Government on their side were

ready to give evidence of their

desire to contribute to the

restoration of confidence and

friendly relations.

The Prime Minister mentioned

these facts, the message con-

tinued, so that the President

might consider whether his pre-

sent proposal might not cut

across the British efforts. Would

it not therefore be wise to post-

pone the launching of the Ameri-

can plan?

This reply was received by the

President with some disappoint-

ment. He intimated that he

would reply by letter to Mr.

Chamberlain on Jan. 17. On the

evening of Jan. 15 the Foreign

Secretary returned to England.

He had been urged to come back

by his devoted officials at the

Foreign Office. The vigilant

Alexander Cadogan awaited him

upon the pier at Dover.

Mr. Eden, who had worked

long and hard to improve Anglo-

American relations, was deeply

perturbed. He immediately sent

a telegram to Sir Ronald Lindsay

attempting to minimise the ef-

fects of Mr. Chamberlain's chill-

ing answer.

The President's letter reached

London on the morning of Jan.

18. In it he agreed to postpone

making his proposal in view of

the fact that the British Govern-

ment were contemplating direct

negotiations, but he added that

he was gravely concerned at the

suggestion that his Majesty's

Government might accord re-

cognition to the Italian position

in Abyssinia. Mr. Eden success-

ed in procuring a considerable

modification of the previous at-

titude. Most of the Ministers

thought he was satisfied. He

did not make it clear to them

that he was not.

Following these discussions two

## The Thirteenth Instalment MR. EDEN'S RESIGNATION

messages were sent to Washing-  
ton on the evening of Jan. 21.

The substance of these replies  
was that the Prime Minister

warmly welcomed the President's  
initiative, but was not anxious  
to bear any responsibility for its  
failure if American overtures

were badly received.

Mr. Chamberlain wished to  
point out that we did not accept

in an unqualified manner the  
President's suggested procedure,

which would clearly irritate both  
the Dictators and Japan. Nor

did his Majesty's Government  
feel that the President had fully

understood our position in regard  
to de jure recognition.

It was plain that no resigna-  
tion by the Foreign Secretary

could be founded upon the rebuff  
administered by Mr. Chamberlain

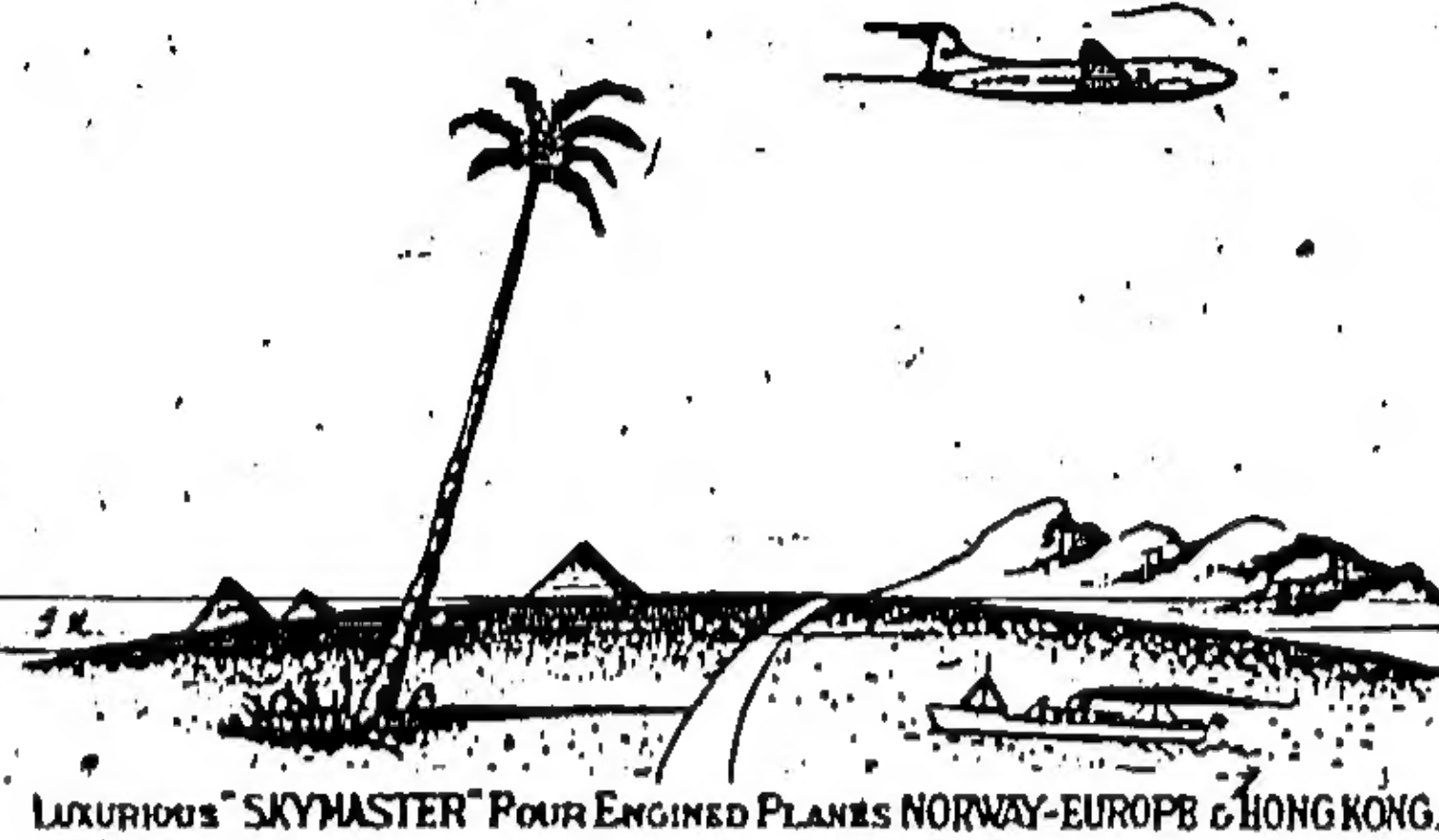
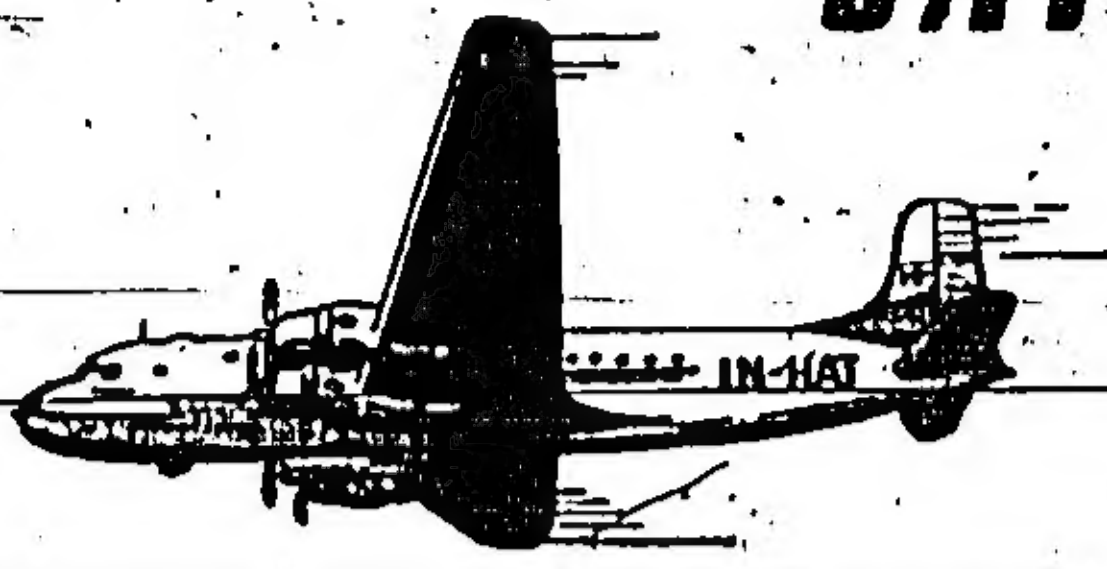
to the President's overture. Mr.  
Roosevelt was indeed running

great risks in his own domestic  
politics by deliberately involving

the United States in the dark-



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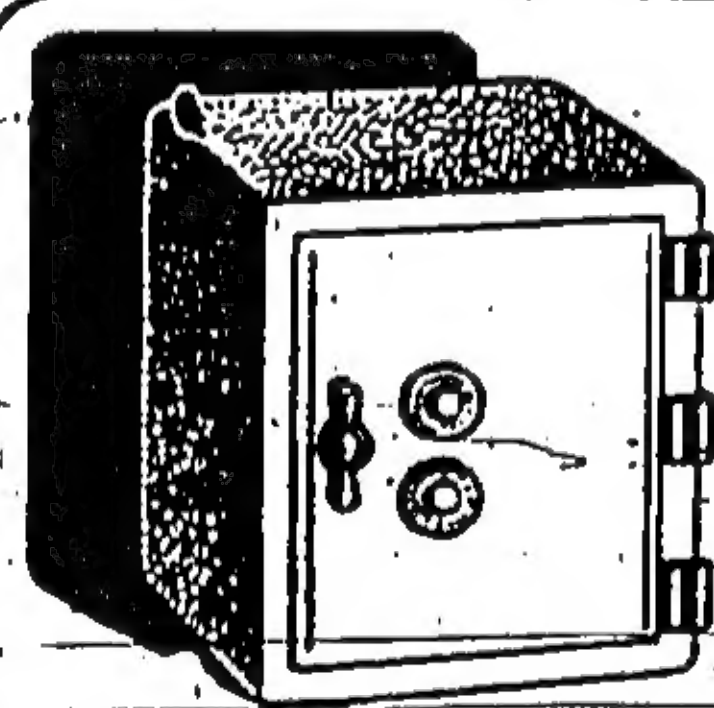
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# NO REVERSAL OF PROCESS Withdrawal From Palestine To Go On Negotiations In U.S. Denied

London, Apr. 28.  
The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, insisted today that Britain could not "at this late hour" reverse the process of her withdrawal from Palestine.  
Mr. Bevin was asked in Parliament under what circumstances the British Government was prepared to carry on, or take part, in the administration of Palestine after May 15, when the mandate is due to end.

The Foreign Secretary replied by recalling a statement by the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, in New York last October that, if there was a settlement between the Jews and Arabs, the British Government would, if desired, continue the administration of Palestine during the limited period before the transfer of independence and would consider an invitation to take part in giving effect to such a settlement in partnership with other members of the United Nations.

"But there has been no agreement between Jews and Arabs," Mr. Bevin said.  
"Moreover, the withdrawal of British administrative personnel has begun and is proceeding rapidly and we cannot reverse the process at this late hour."

## No Negotiations

Mr. Bevin denied that any negotiations were taking place in the United States to require the presence of British troops in Palestine after Aug. 1—the date by which the British Government intends them to be withdrawn.

"The only negotiations going on are those in the United Nations," he said.  
Mr. Seymour Coombs, Labour, drew Mr. Bevin's attention to a "public declaration by King Abdullah of Transjordan that he intended to invade Palestine."

He asked what Mr. Bevin intended to do about this under the terms of Britain's alliance with Transjordan.  
Mr. Bevin replied that he did not see what steps under the terms of the alliance with Transjordan this announcement required.

## Arms Supplies

Mr. Bevin said the intention was that the withdrawal of British troops from Palestine should be completed before the mandate ended. The British Government was obliged by the treaty to pay a subsidy to Transjordan for the Arab Legion and to provide certain British Service personnel for its force.

Those obligations would still be in force when the mandate ended.  
Mr. Ben Levy, Labour, asked if the supply of British equipment, money, and officers was to continue to Transjordan irrespective of whom they might elect to attack.

Mr. Bevin replied: "You must not assume that. This matter is before the United Nations and I

must await the result of the discussions. I am not going to be drawn into promises and commitments about the Transjordan force until I know the final decision of the United Nations."

Mr. Tuffon Beamish, Conservative, asked if it would be inaccurate and misleading to describe the entry of Arab troops into Arab parts of Palestine for the protection of Arab interests as the Arabs' request for invasion.

Mr. Bevin: "I prefer not to enter into hypothetical discussions at this stage."  
Mr. Coombs asked whether the Foreign Secretary would not suspend delivery of arms to the Arab States and whether he would allow the Jews to have arms with which to defend themselves in view of the War Council of the Arab States just held in Transjordan.

Mr. Bevin: "From all my information from Palestine at the moment, it seems to me that the Jews are the best armed, but I cannot draw distinctions."—Reuter.

## Arab Countries May Leave U.N.

Baghdad, Apr. 28.  
The Governments of the Arab Middle East countries are considering withdrawing from membership of the United Nations, well-informed political sources said in Baghdad today.

## Joint Defence Plan

Washington, Apr. 27.  
The United States and Great Britain now have a joint plan of action ready in case of a sudden attack by Russia in Berlin or elsewhere, the newspaper, Washington Post, said today.

According to the Post, a secret visit last month by Lieut. Gen. Sir Leslie Hollis, Deputy Military Secretary of the British Cabinet, was the occasion for setting up a special co-ordinated plan which up to then was not formulated.

The combined Chiefs of Staff, which met all during the war, had continued to meet once monthly but conferences were of a routine nature apparently. Only when the "crisis" in Berlin and other world events raised anxiety to a high pitch both here and in Europe did the two nations take up consideration of actual possible operations.

The Post writer says that the Combined Chiefs, as an institution, has now come back to life and an emergency next week or next month would find Americans and British acting as one. Few authorities of either country regard an immediate crisis as probable but the job of the military staffs will be to be ready for anything.—United Press.

## Railwaymen To Strike

Cleveland, Apr. 28.  
Three American railwaymen's unions today fixed May 11 as the date for a strike of 125,000 men which would paralysed the United States transport system.  
The Locomotive Engineers, Firemen and Switchmen's unions, which are seeking 30 per cent wage increases and changes in working rules, broke off negotiations with their employers shortly before midnight last night—the deadline for a settlement of the dispute.  
The strike would affect 132 of the largest rail routes in the country.—Reuter.

## Czech Firms Nationalised

Prague, Apr. 28.  
The Czechoslovak Parliament tonight approved the nationalisation of all industries and businesses employing more than 50 people and passed a special bill nationalising the Czech Radio Corporation.

Deputies stood and sang the National Anthem as the bills were passed.

The Foreign Trade Minister, M. Antonin Gregor, reminded Parliament of the "political and cultural" functions of foreign traders and said he hoped the gaps opened by political misunderstandings would be closed.—Reuter.

## DEFENCE AGREEMENT REPORTED

London, Apr. 28.  
Reports that the United States and Britain had agreed on a joint plan of defence against Russia lent new importance today to the Western European military talks opening here on Friday.

The talks might well provide the first concrete post-war military link between the United States and Britain on one side and France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg on the other.

The Times prominently published a despatch quoting the Washington Post that an Anglo-American plan for joint action in the event of a sudden Soviet attack in Berlin or elsewhere, was approved recently by the combined Chiefs of Staff.

The BBC broadcast a despatch to the same effect from its Washington correspondent, although it did not identify Russia as the expected attacker. A spokesman disclaimed knowledge of such an agreement. However, other well-informed sources were inclined to accept the report at face value.

They pointed out that the United States and Britain had agreed over a year ago to standardize small arms, exchange cadets and cooperate otherwise in the military field.  
These quarters expect the five-power military conference to extend such joint measures and plans to France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg.—United Press.

## Russian Treaty Approved

Helsinki, Apr. 28.  
The Finnish Parliament after a three-hour debate today approved the Finnish-Russian treaty of friendship and mutual assistance by 157 votes to 11 defeating the proposal to disapprove the treaty made by the Liberal Party leader, Kalle Kauppi.

The treaty was passed on an open vote which was demanded by the Communists.

The debate was orderly and peaceful. Nineteen Deputies spoke but only the Liberals opposed it.  
The galleries were only half filled and there were no crowds outside the Parliamentary Palace. The police took no special precautions in the vicinity of Parliament although the state of preparedness decreed two days ago was still effective.  
Kauppi's amendment to reject the treaty was defeated by 149 votes to 16.—United Press.

## Tory Censure Motion

London, Apr. 28.  
The Conservatives last night tabled a motion in the House of Commons censuring Government's handling of Palestine.

The motion, in the name of Lord Hinchinbrooke, criticised the Government for failing to quell Jewish-Arab fighting, for failing to punish "known murderers" of British servicemen, and "in general for their abdication of the high and honourable duty of Government prior to the transfer of the mandate in a country which is the cradle of civilization and a centre of world religion."

Tableing the motion, does not necessarily bring it to vote.—United Press.

## SCROLL FOR SALAZAR

Canton, Apr. 28.  
Premier Antonio Salazar of Portugal, who celebrated yesterday his 20th anniversary of coming to power, will be the recipient of a Chinese scroll sent by Governor T.V. Soong inscribed "Vigorous and Brave International Figure" in Chinese.  
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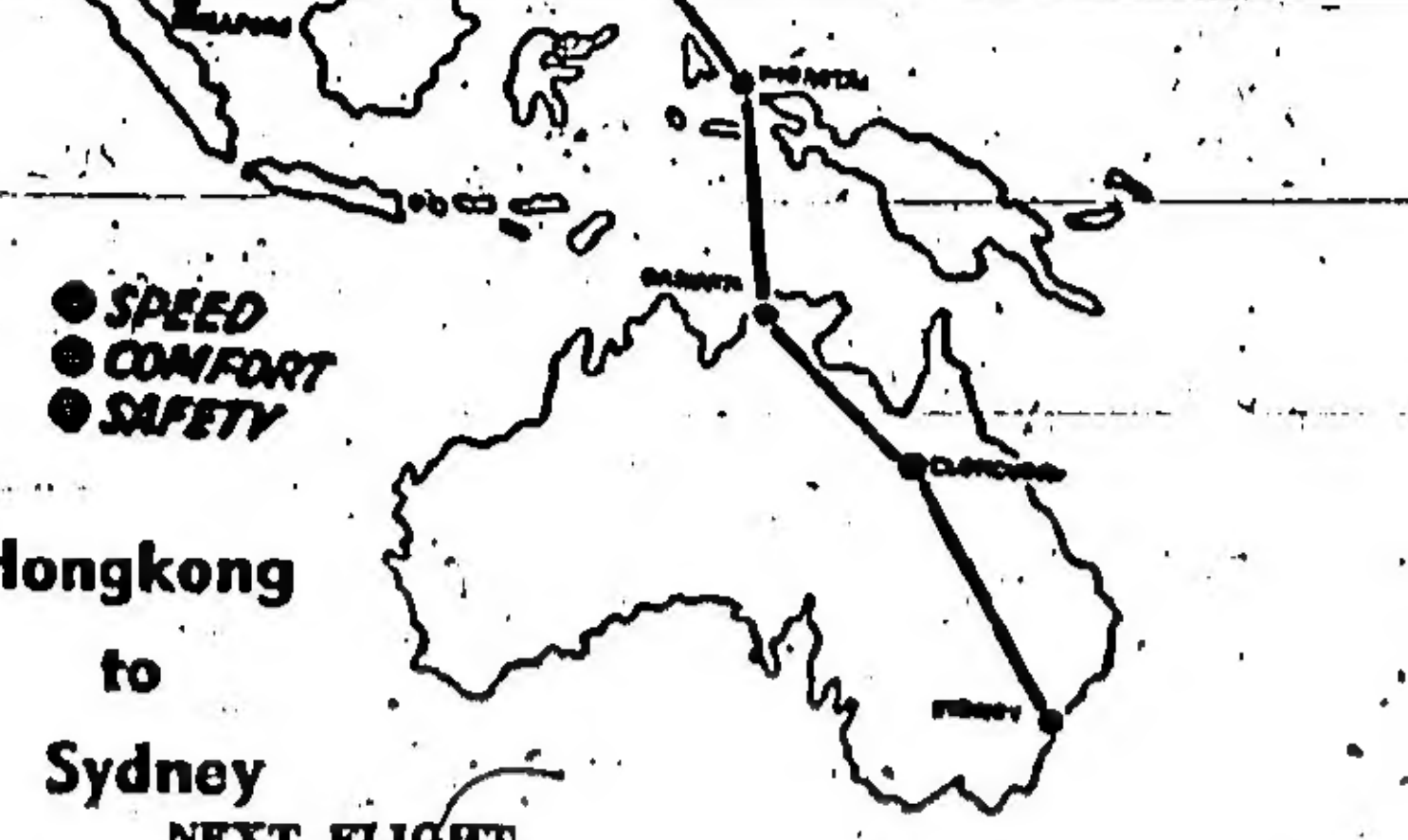
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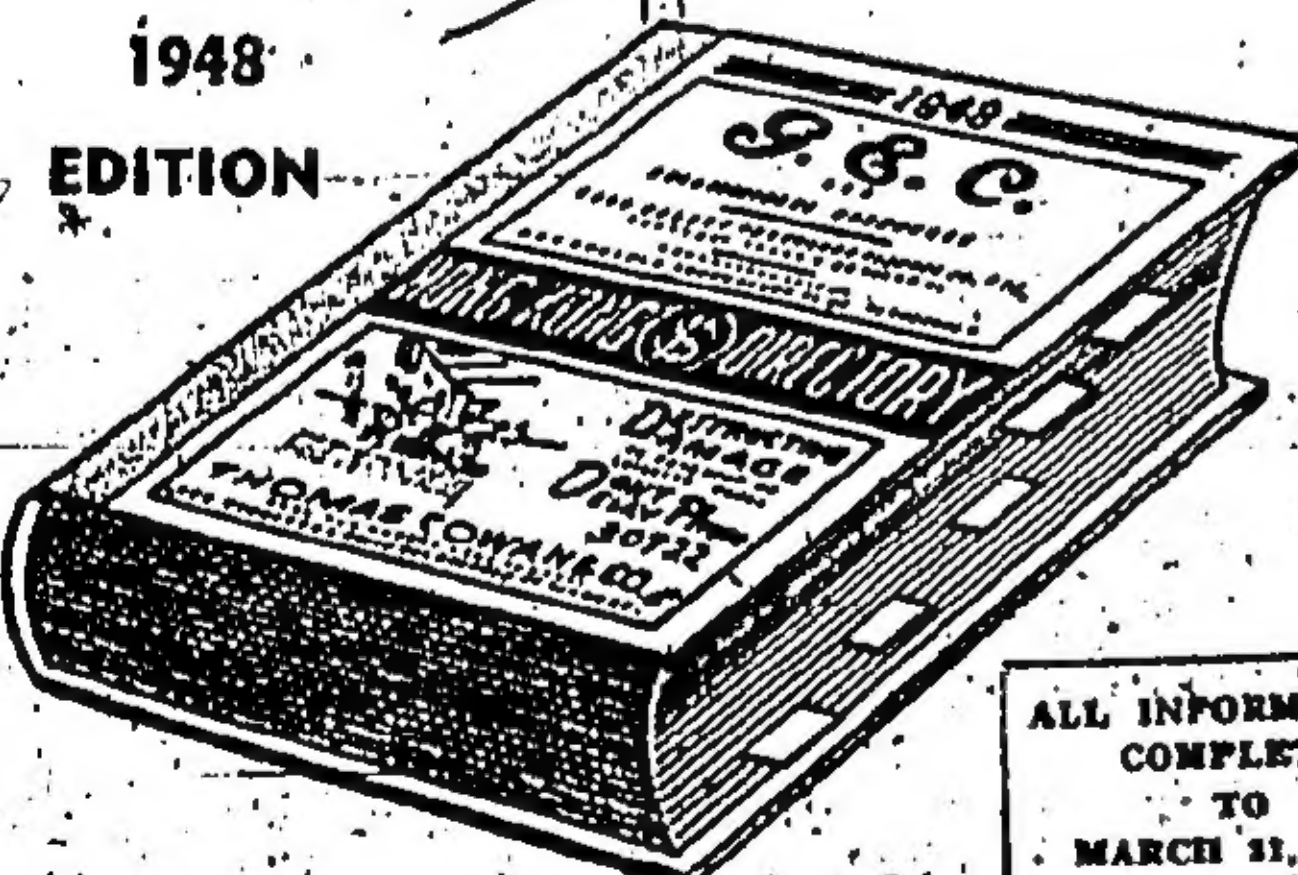


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had begun to build up their world-market from California, came to the top: the great period of American cinema then opened. The problem for Britain was to begin all over again in the face of the established Hollywood films. Production was very small until legislation was introduced in 1927 (the first

By **ROGER MANVELL**

Quota Act) to protect the British producer by legally obliging cinemas in Britain to show a proportion of British-made films. Beginning at five per cent. of

the total shown, this proportion has never yet risen beyond about 20 per cent. But during the past 20 years, and notably during the past 10, British production has revived strongly.

Britain is a nation of cinemagoers. The number of seats sold in a week has on occasion risen to over 30 million, and even in the hottest weather seldom sinks below 23 million. For from the British producers, requiring any further protection from the competition of the American film, in the past five years Britain's pictures have become the biggest successes of all at the box-office. The old disadvantage that British actors and actresses could never become

stars unless they first appeared in American films now no longer applies, for Britain's pictures are penetrating the world market with the result that her artistes are becoming as well-known as the American stars.

Britain's annual output of full-length feature films has averaged little more than 30 since World War II. More than usual stress, however, has been laid on the quality of these films, which, since the end of 1945, have included such titles as "Brief Encounter", "Caesar and Cleopatra", "Men of Two Worlds", "The Brothers", "Take My Life", "The October Man", "Fame is the Spur", "An Ideal Husband", "Mine Own Executioner", "It Always Rains on Sunday", and "Anna Karenina". A number of these films were made by Sir Michael Balcon's Ealing Studios which, although independent of the Rank Organisation, nevertheless has its films distributed through that organisation in Britain and abroad.



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# JERUSALEM TRUCE AGREEMENT

## Declarations By Arabs And Jews Cease-Fire Plan For Holy City

Lake Success, Apr. 28.

Arab and Jewish representatives told the United Nations Trusteeship Council tonight that they were prepared to send telegrams to their organisations in Palestine recommending an immediate cease-fire inside the walls of the Old City of Jerusalem.

Mr. Moshe Shertok, of the Jewish Agency, and Jamal Hussein, for the Palestine Arab Higher Committee, both agreed that, providing the other side observed a truce, they would recommend to their parent bodies to declare an immediate cease-fire inside the boundaries of the Old City.

Mr. Shertok reiterated his preference for a truce which would cover at least the municipal area of Jerusalem. Jamal Hussein also reiterated his previously expressed desire that Haganah forces should be withdrawn from the Old City, but he did not press this point, and the general impression in the Council was that the Arabs would not make this a condition of acceptance.

Earlier, Awar Khalid (Iraq) had expressed on behalf of the Arab States their view that a truce in the Old City of Jerusalem is feasible and ought to be recommended to the General Assembly.

Khalid proposed this Jerusalem truce should observe the following main principles:

### Supervisory Body

1.—There should be a "freezing" of military positions inside the Old City.

2.—Arrangements should be made to afford complete protection to the Holy Places and the population inside the Old City.

3.—A supervisory body should be established, composed, perhaps, of the various religious groups represented in Jerusalem under the chairmanship of a Christian priest.

4.—That provision for food and medical supplies for the Old City should be allowed free entry under the supervision of the ecclesiastical supervisory body.

Both the Jewish and Arab representatives made it clear to the Council they were not themselves in a position to order a cease-fire. But they both agreed to send immediate cables to their organisations notifying them that both sides had agreed to a truce in principle and recommending that appropriate orders for a

cease-fire should be issued to the forces concerned.

### Recommendations

The Trusteeship Council adjourned briefly for informal discussions on the wording of the vital cables to be sent to Palestine.

After the adjournment, the Council President, Mr. Francis Sayre, of the United States, read to the Council the following statement which, he said, had been approved by Jamal Hussein and Mr. Shertok:

"The representatives of the Arab Higher Committee and of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, in consultation with the Trusteeship Council, have agreed to recommend to their respective communities in Palestine:

"1.—That all military operations and acts of violence shall cease forthwith within the Walled City of Jerusalem.

"2.—That cease-fire orders will be issued to take effect in the Walled City at the earliest possible moment.

"3.—That the keeping of the truce shall be observed by an impartial commission.

"4.—That the specific terms of the truce will be elaborated in consultation with the two parties."

### High Hopes

After both parties had agreed in principle to the terms proposed by the Council, Mr. Sayre said that, immediately after replies were received from both the Arabs and Jews in Palestine, the Trusteeship Council would begin consultation with the Jewish Agency and the Arab Higher Committee to draw up the final terms of the truce.

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## Lancashire Move For Textile Action

Manchester, April 28. Lancashire cotton trade and trade union leaders today urged Government to take action on the report of the recent Anglo-United States textile conference, which recommended restricting the Japanese textile industry to 3,500,000 spindles. In 1939, the Japanese cotton industry had a capacity of 11,000,000 spindles.

Sir Raymond Street, Chairman of the Cotton Board, said that the President of the Board of Trade had been asked to receive a deputation from the industry to discuss the report.

"A great deal depends on whether Japan will export small, moderate or large quantities of textiles in the future and whether their prices will be on a low level or high compared with the United States and United Kingdom prices," he said. —Reuter.

## DEFENCE TALKS START IN LONDON TO-DAY

London, Apr. 28.

The Defence Minister, Mr. A. V. Alexander, and the three heads of the armed forces, will form part of the British delegation to the Conference of Western Union Defence Ministers, due to start in London on Friday.

In addition to Mr. Alexander, the delegation will consist of Lord Montgomery, Chief of Imperial General Staff, Admiral Sir John Cunningham, First Sea Lord, Marshal of the Royal Air Force Lord Tedder, Sir Harold Parker, Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Defence, and Lieutenant-General Sir Leslie Hollis, Chief Staff Officer to the Ministry of Defence and Deputy Military Secretary to the Cabinet.

The Dutch delegation is to be the Defence Minister, Colonel A. H. J. L. Fleyer, the Chief of General Staff, Lieutenant-General H. Kruls, and the Chief of Naval Staff, Vice-Admiral Jonkh. E. Van Holte.

Belgium will be represented by Colonel de Faubert, the Defence Minister, General Baile, Chief of General Staff, Colonel Le Bouffe, Chief of Air Staff, and General de Laval, Inspector-General of the Technical Services.

The Luxembourg delegates are M. Lambert Schaus, Minister of the Armed Forces, and Colonel Jacoby, Commander-in-Chief of the Luxembourg Armed Forces. —Reuter.

Since the departure of General Alphonse Juin to French Morocco as Resident-General, the post of Military Chief of Staff in France has remained vacant.

The French Minister of Defence, M. Pierre Titeau, will be accompanied, it is learned, by the newly-appointed Chief of Combined Staff—a post created today by the French Cabinet presumably for the London talks.

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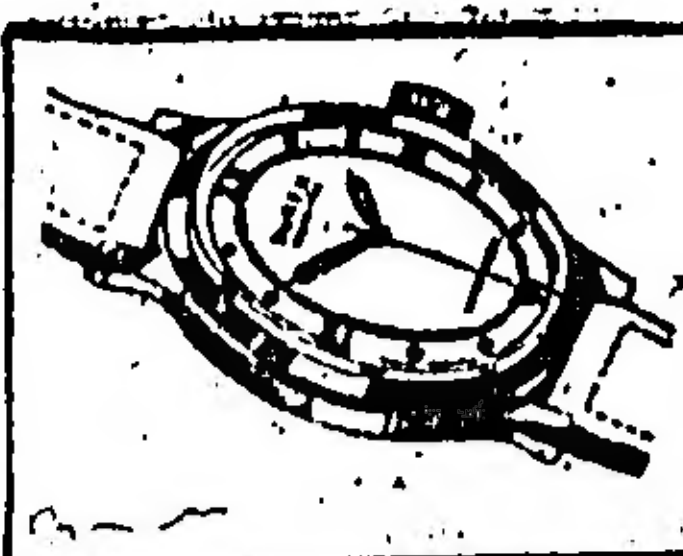
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## "NO CASE TO ANSWER"

### Mortensen Injured

London, Apr. 28. Stanley Mortensen, Blackpool and England inside right, who scored the goal by which Blackpool beat Manchester United in a League game on Wednesday night, later collided with the Manchester goalkeeper Crompton and was taken to hospital unconscious with concussion.

Mortensen has been picked to travel to the Continent with the England team which plays Italy in Turin on May 16.—Associated Press.

### Military Backing For West Europe

Washington, Apr. 27. A programme of United States military aid for Western Europe is reported to be in the final stages of Truman administration planning.

Work on the programme is expected to be stepped up by Secretary of State Marshall who has returned to his desk after four weeks at the inter-American conference at Bogota.

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#### Possibilities

Hence speculation on the pattern of the aid programme is subject to President Truman's approval and decisions by Congress.

1. A revival of military aid. The programme would include the supply of arms and munitions to the United States to gain strength against the Communist East which would be furnished by the U.S. Office of cost under the Marshall Plan for the economic recovery of Europe is to be thrown completely out of balance.

2. Formation of what would amount in fact to a military alliance between the United States and the European countries.

A prime objective of this would be to make specifically clear to the Russians points at which they could not attack without bringing on war with the United States.

The form of such an alliance remains to be determined. It could be set forth in treaties or created through the formation of some new regional defence system joined by the United States as well as Western Europe.

3. Use of military missions. It seems certain that if the U.S. again sends large quantities of arms and highly equipped military units to Europe, it will also have to provide officers to teach their use.

#### Combined C.O.S.

4. Tighter High Command relations. One of the wartime organisations between Britain and the United States which still exists is the Combined Chiefs of Staff. It is considered fairly sure by some authorities that it and when the United States makes strong military commitments to Western Europe, much greater international staff work may be required.

This might be accomplished either by expanding the combined Chiefs of Staff or by having the United States take part in the new Western Union military committee, being set up in London.

The position of the administration therefore is said to be that the President has the right to send troops wherever he may consider it in the nation's interest to do so.

In addition, the administration is prepared to argue that in joining the United Nations the United States assumed duties which are inescapable.—Associated Press.

## Opponents' Submission In Eviction Application

A submission that the opponents had, in law, no case to answer, was put forward yesterday by Mr. B. A. Bernacchi at the continued hearing of the application by Messrs. Mackintosh's Limited for an eviction order against Mr. L. Mercado and Mrs. Kovach (Mayo's Shoppe) in respect of Shop, 7C Alexandra Building.

The application is being heard by Mr. D. L. Strellett, sitting as a Magistrate in Tenancy Tribunal "A".

Messrs. Mackintosh's Limited (applicants) are represented by Mr. D. A. L. Wright, instructed by Mr. J. T. Prior of Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist.

Mr. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. Y. K. Kan of Messrs. Lo and Lo, is appearing for Mr. Mercado and Mrs. Kovach (opponents).

The applicants are claiming that the opponents were given a temporary licence of the premises they now occupy on the condition that possession would be given up on the return of Mackintosh's.

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No Mention Of Looting

Mr. Bernacchi said that in September 1946, when he first went to 7C and 7D, either Mr. Mercado or Mrs. Kovach handed him the key to 7D. No explanation was given as to why they had the key. As he had known Mr. Mercado before the war and had had dealings with him, he took it that the key was handed to him as a matter of courtesy. Every day there was looting going on, but there was no reference to such looting by Mr. Mercado or Mrs. Kovach when the key was handed over.

#### Rent Agreement

When Mackintosh's took over the tenancy of the whole premises on Sept. 1, it was agreed that the rent should be paid to the Land Investment Co. in advance, but in actual fact it was not so paid. Mr. Bernacchi agreed that the opponents had refused or delayed accepting rent from opponents, but could not remember clearly the exact situation. There was a possibility that he waited until the end of September when Mackintosh's were about to take over the premises.

Mr. Bernacchi said that in the period between September 1946 and June 1947, Mackintosh's had accepted the circumstances that legally they could not move opponents as sub-tenants on a monthly basis. They had to bow to the inevitable. Since Mackintosh's could not move opponents out, they had to allow opponents to stay in.

In May 1947, when the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance came into force, Mackintosh's were advised that under Section 18 (f) of that Ordinance, could, on an application, make an order for recovery of possession or the ejectment of a person who had become a tenant before Aug. 16, 1945 and the commencement of the Ordinance upon the condition that he should vacate the premises on the return of the person who was the tenant before Dec. 25, 1941, and who had neglected or refused to vacate the premises upon receipt of notice from the landlord that such former tenant had returned to the colony and that the premises were required for his use.

### Kwangtung Retrenchment

Canton, Apr. 29. Some Kwangtung Provincial Government employees were looking for work elsewhere today in the face of a 15 per cent reduction of the staff.

The retrenchment policy is effective tomorrow but does not affect those holding key positions. Those leaving will be given two months salary in lieu of notice, plus two months of official pay at nominal price.

Like other provinces, Kwangtung has depended on subsidies from the Central Government for current and special expenses. Revenue represents roughly 80 per cent of expenditures.—Associated Press.

A talk on the manufacture of cigarettes was given by Mr. J. A. Stacker, Director and Factory Manager of the British Cigarette Co. and the British American Tobacco Co. at a well-attended luncheon meeting of the Hong Kong Y.M.C.A. Men's Club at the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden yesterday.

Glasgow, Apr. 28. Scotland beat Belgium by two goals to nil in a soccer international match at Hampden Park here tonight after leading one nil at half time.—Reuter.

### Canton Curfew Denied

Canton, Apr. 29. There is no truth in the Hong Kong report that curfew is to be imposed in Canton city with-out any warning next month, a high police officer told Reuter today.

He added that if the Security authorities had decided on this measure, he would have been informed.

It is believed that high ranking security officers recently held meetings to discuss precautionary measures to guard against possible trouble on Labour Day, May 1, and on the occasion of the swearing in of President Chiang Kai-shek as the nation's first constitutional President on May 5.

A Kwangtung Provincial Government spokesman said that only the head of departments have been asked to apply for curfew passes—but this is only in the case of any emergency.

Though there is no restriction on the movements of the city's citizens, the Chief of the Shamoon Police Station pointed out that non-residents of the island, who have no business to be there, are not permitted to enter the former foreign concession after midnight.—Reuter.

## Post-War Bowling Opens Next Month

The first post-war Lawn Bowls League will start on Saturday, May 22, with a full programme of games in the First and Second Divisions.

Seven Clubs have entered in the First Division, but owing to the large number of entries in the Second Division the committee, in order to shorten the season have decided to split the division into two sections.

The following are the games for the first two weeks of the League. No games will be played on May 29 on account of the Races.

The championship of the Second League will be decided by a play-off of one match between the winners of the two sections on a neutral green to be fixed by the General Committee.

The winners of this match will be the champions and the losers the runners-up.

The promotion and relegation rule will be as in pre-war years be continued.

A total of five points are to be at stake in every League match. All unfinished games, in which not more than 30 heads have been played in all, shall be entirely replayed on the first mutually convenient Sunday or Public Holiday.

SECTION "A"

Kowloon Cricket Club v. Kowloon Bowling Green Club

Taikoo Club v. Kowloon Cricket Club

Club de Reccelo "A" v. Indian Recreation Club

SECTION "B"

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SECTION "C"

The following have been selected to represent the Kowloon Bowling Green Club against the Indian Recreation Club at Soekupoo on Saturday, 3 p.m.

H.A. Williamson, J.W. Groom, E.A. Atkins and W.C. Simpson (skip).

E.F. Page, H.A. Lammer, L.G. Campbell and L. Guy (skip).

E. Greenwood, W.H. Bailey, J.S. Dismore and J. Fraser (skip).

Players are to meet at the Star Ferry pier, Hong Kong side, at 2.45 p.m.

## Southampton Club On S. American Tour

Southampton, Apr. 29. Sixteen players and five officials of the Southampton Football Club today sailed for Rio de Janeiro in the liner Andos to play a series of seven goodwill soccer matches against Brazilian clubs.

George Reader, Britain's top international referee, sailed with the team.

The Mayor of Southampton, a supporter of the Club for 50 years, gave the party a civic send-off.

"You are going to visit a great and friendly nation which was a staunch ally of ours during the war," the Mayor said.

The Club will open their four weeks' tour with a game in Rio against Regata Vasco da Gama, the champion South American team. They will play four matches in Rio and three in Sao Paulo, probably more than enough to recover the estimated £2,000 cost of the trip.

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### Soccer Notes

## Only Third In Doubt By "Alcydes"

The last Saturday of the English soccer season sees most of the leagues championships decided. In fact only in the Third Division North is the issue in doubt and then it is levelled down to two teams, Lincoln and Rotherham.

Both sides have one game to play and though Lincoln lead by one point (they have fifty-nine) they must win to be absolutely certain of winning the league.

Free scoring Rotherham have found the net ninety-six times this season and, if the teams finish with equal points then Rotherham will take it by virtue of their superior goal average.

### Saturday's Fixtures

Next Saturday's fixtures for these two clubs are: Accrington v. Rotherham, Lincoln v. Hartlepool U.

On paper it looks as though Lincoln are as good as there but Hartlepool may be the sparer in the works and Accrington are well placed in the league table and may account for Rotherham.

Manchester United's triumph last week was the climax to a run of successes that has labelled them the "Team of the Season." Their win in the final which was almost universally expected to be overshadowed by their passage to the final.

Little is it realised that they defeated all First Division teams on their Wembley trail and as they couldn't play at home on Manchester City's ground, they played their Cup games in which they were drawn at home were played at Liverpool and Huddersfield.

Their appearance in the final was more than justified by their performance throughout the competition. With their ground repairs at Old Trafford, they are well placed to see their favourites performing on their own ground. Congratulations, to Manchester United, the team of the season.

Portsmouth Improved

Two other teams stand out in relief—as the season finishes. Portsmouth, keeping the South Coast's flag flying in the Premier Division, have improved upon their performance of last season when they gained 40 points.

At present with one game left to play they have 43 points. They have strengthened their front line with Juselius of Dundee in the middle bench. Moreover, progress in the competition next season.

Brentford's recovery may well be attributed to the acquisition of Monk of Guildford City, ambitious Southern League side. There exists a gentlemanly agreement between these two clubs and Monk's transfer is ample evidence of this spirit. His three goals in three recent games have given the Bees six very valuable points and lifted them up to the middle of the table.

In concluding these notes it would be unfair to pass and not mention the efforts of Bournemouth and Southampton who came so near to honours. They played great football and may their efforts be rewarded with more success next season.

### U.K. SOCCER

London, Apr. 28. Today's football fixtures:

Blackpool 1, Manchester U. 0

Derby 0, 2 Portsmouth 1

Huddersfield 1, Everton 3

SECOND DIVISION

Fulham 0, Coventry 2

Leicester 0, Southampton 2

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTHERN)

Blackpool 1, Watford 3

Blackpool 1, Ipswich 3

Norwich 0, Notts Co. 1

Torquay 1, Reading 2

SWINDON 0, Walsall 3

THIRD DIVISION (NORTHERN)

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Friendly Match

Arsenal 3, Colchester 0

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